

**Mass Schedule  
December 9 - December 15, 2024**

**St. John the Evangelist**

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday, December 9		No Parish Mass
Tuesday, December 10		No Parish Mass
Wednesday, December 11	9:30 a.m.	For Hector & Pearl Jalbert by Ann & Myron McCormick
Thursday, December 12	9:30 a.m.	For Lillian Bede by Renée Joly
Friday, December 13	9:30 a.m.	For All Monaghan Family Members by Kim & Mike Monaghan
Saturday, December 14 <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	4:30 p.m.	For Gerhard Schinko by St. John's CWL
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**St. Bernardine of Siena**

Sunday, December 15	9:00 a.m.	For Pat Dovigi by Ed Dovigi
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**ADVENT GIVING TREE:** Thank you for your generous response in taking home a Giving Tree Tag to help brighten Christmas for someone less advantaged in our community.

Please remember to return your gift, **UNWRAPPED**, to the **Church no later than next Sunday (December 15th)**.

On that day, members of the Parish Pastoral Council, along with other volunteers, will wrap the gifts and then distribute them to the needy families.

Please be sure to attach firmly your tag to the gift you return, as the number on that tag is the only way for us to ensure its proper delivery. Your Parish Pastoral Council is grateful to everyone who participates in our annual Advent Giving Tree project.

**If you are interested in helping to wrap the gifts, please join us in the Parish hall immediately following the morning Mass on Sunday, December 15th. Everyone is welcome to participate in this way.**



Join Our Email List

**Parish Bulletin Emailed Upon Request:** The Parish bulletin will be emailed to anyone who wishes this service. To make your request, please send it to the parish office, using the email address you wish to use to receive the bulletin. It will be sent in .pdf format at the same time it is posted to our parish website. It will be sent BCC so that your email address will not be disseminated to the others on the list.

The Roman Catholic Parishes of  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Garson & Falconbridge**

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA - Skead**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 8, 2024**

**Pastor  
Fr. Michael Williams**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr. Michael Williams	Pastor - ex officio
Myron McCormick	Finance - ex officio
Marie Bardswich	St. John's
Sue Quackenbush	St. John's
Barb Pineau	St. John's
Pamela Schofield-Adams	St. John's
Jim Murphy	St. John's
Sheila Lapierre	St. John's
Trudy Hinds	St. Bernardine's

(There is 1 vacancy for St. Bernardine's on the PPC)

**PRAYER LINE**

Elaine Lamarche	705-693-3339
Rachel Corbett	705-693-3241

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**Parish Contact**

Carole Larrett	705-969-4607
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**Communion to the Sick**

Rolande Kehoe	705-969-2838
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St. John Church  
Garson



St. Bernardine Church  
Skead

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday 4:30 pm. St. John the Evangelist  
Sunday 9:00 am. St. Bernardine of Siena  
Sunday 10:30 am. St. John the Evangelist

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

See inside for this week's schedule

**RECONCILIATION**

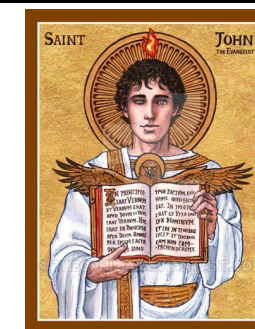
Wednesdays 9:05 - 9:25am (before Mass)  
in the Reconciliation Room  
- And any time upon request -

**CALL FR. MICHAEL REGARDING:**

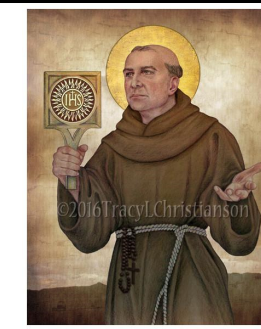
Home Visit, Communion or Anointing of the Sick  
Individual Celebration of Reconciliation

**FOR BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION,  
CONFIRMATION & MARRIAGE:**

Please speak with Fr. Michael at any Sunday Mass  
(6 months minimum notice is needed for Marriage)



St. John the Evangelist



St. Bernardine of Siena



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** Envelopes are available in the entranceway of our two Churches, which can be used to make a donation towards the cost of purchasing our Christmas flowers for the upcoming Solemnities.

On the envelope, you are invited to write the name of the deceased person you wish to donate in memory of. Our Christmas Day (10:30am) Mass will be offered for them, and their names will be published in an insert in the bulletin on the 4th Sunday of Advent.

**100% of the donations received will be forwarded to the Pregnancy Care Centre & Infant Food Bank** in Sudbury, to be used to further the excellent work they do for the poor of our region who are pregnant and/or have young children. Not only do our prayers magnify when accompanied by mercy shown to the poor, but also, this particular charity resonates well with one of the key themes of Christmas: a baby born to a poor family who are forced to rely on the charity of others.



In order to ensure the publication of all names, donations must be received no later than **December 15th - The 3rd Sunday of Advent.**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** We met this past Wednesday. The full minutes of that meeting are now posted on our parish website. These are some of the highlights:

Plans were made for various activities during the time of our Bishop's Parish visit from January 25th - February 2nd. Details are in the minutes.

A Parish breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 12th following Mass.

Agreement to disburse the balance of our Divine Mercy Donations to the Garson Food Bank, after our 2 adopted children from Chalice are looked after.

Plans for the Jubilee Year of Hope - A number of ideas were floated and agreed upon: A Rosary of hope to be prayed before every Saturday evening Mass, beginning at 3:50pm; An invitation for parishioners to express their reasons for hope and gratitude throughout the Jubilee Year; The possibility of a pilgrimage to one of Canada's shrines; A way to pray the Jubilee Prayer at all Masses; A way to distribute our Bishop's first Pastoral Letter on "Entering Into Hope". **On that - please see the information below.**

**ENTERING INTO HOPE - OUR BISHOP'S FIRST PASTORAL LETTER TO THE DIOCESE**

Bishop Thomas Dowd has introduced us to the Jubilee Year of Hope with his first Pastoral Letter. You may read that letter online here: <https://www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/jubilee>. If you cannot access the letter online, there are copies of it available in the entranceway of both our Churches. If you find the print too small on those copies (Fr. Michael struggled to read it, so don't feel bad!), please just contact Fr. Michael through the office and he will print you a larger print version. It is only 7 pages and is worth the time to read. The Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve. **Reading this letter is a great way to prepare for it.**



**Journey Through Advent** is a video series presented by the Canadian Bishops. They write: "As we prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord, it is hoped that this year's *Journey through Advent* videos will be a source of spiritual comfort, peace, and meaningful preparation for all who watch them." The videos will be uploaded one at a time on a weekly basis throughout Advent and will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday Eucharistic Celebration (25 November, 2 December, 9 December and 16 December). You may watch the videos on the home page of the CCCB website <https://www.cccb.ca/>.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Celebrated on the first Friday of every month at the morning Mass.



**RECONCILIATION:** Available every Wednesday morning, 9:05 - 9:25, in the Reconciliation Room. Or anytime upon request.

**CWL News:** Everyone is welcome to join us on Thursday mornings at 9:00am, before Mass, to **pray the Rosary** for peace in the world.



CWL members, please note that **there will be no meeting in January.** The next General Meeting is scheduled for February 3 at 6:30 pm. See you then!

**GARSON FOODBANK**



We are grateful to everyone who responds so generously to the needs of our local Garson Food Bank. This month, there is a special request for a focus on **men's and women's deodorant and razors, as well as shampoo and conditioner.** Anything you give is gratefully accepted. **Thank you!**

**2025 Donation Envelopes:** The 2025 box sets are available for pick up in the Church entranceway. If you used envelopes this year, there will be a set for you there. If the information on your label is incorrect, please notify the office.



**YOUR OFFERINGS on December 1st**

*Thank you for your ongoing support*

<b>St. John the Evangelist</b>	Envelopes: \$ 1,037.00	Interac: \$ 180.00
	Loose: \$ 37.00	PAD: \$ 680.80
		<b>Total: \$ 1,934.80</b>
<b>St. Bernardine of Siena</b>	Envelopes: \$ 275.00	
	Loose: \$ 5.00	
	Heat: \$ 20.00	<b>Total: \$ 300.00</b>



If you wish to use this method for donating to St. John's Parish, simply log into your bank or credit union account, choose the INTERAC e-transfer option and use the Parish e-mail address. For donations to St. Bernardine's Parish, use: [stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca](mailto:stbernardineofsiena@ssmd.ca).